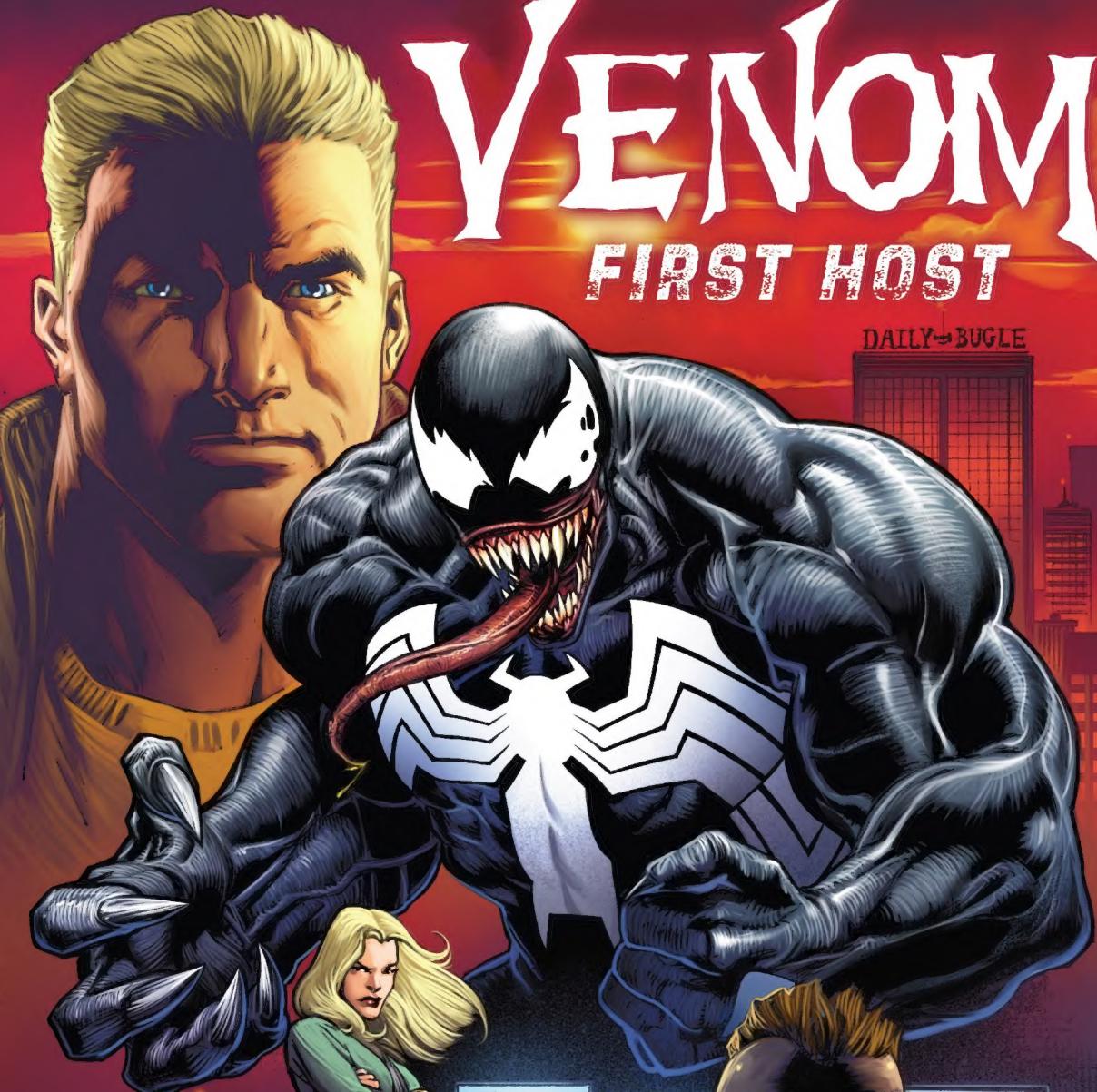


# VENOM

## FIRST HOST

DAILY BUGLE



COSTA  
BAGLEY  
HENNESSY  
ALMARA

MARVEL

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ISANOVE

YEARS AGO, A CHANCE ENCOUNTER LED TO DISGRACED REPORTER EDDIE BROCK BONDING WITH AN AGGRESSIVE ALIEN ORGANISM KNOWN AS A SYMBIOTE. UNITED BY THEIR SIMILAR NEED FOR JUSTICE IN THE FORM OF VENGEANCE, AND GIFTED WITH POWERS SIMILAR TO THOSE OF SPIDER-MAN (ALONG WITH UNIQUE ABILITIES), THE TWO FIGHT CRIME AS THE WICKED WEB-SLINGER VENOM.

ONE OF THOSE UNIQUE POWERS IS THE ABILITY TO SPAWN SYMBIOTES, EACH WITH ITS OWN PERSONALITY AND UNIQUE POWERSET.

EDDIE AND THE SYMBIOTE HAVE JUST WELCOMED THEIR NEWEST PROGENY TO THE WORLD. HOWEVER, EDDIE IS NOT THE FIRST PERSON TO HAVE BONDED TO THE SYMBIOTE, AND WHETHER THEY'VE KNOWN IT OR NOT, VENOM'S PAST HAS NEVER BEEN FAR BEHIND THEM...

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## FIRST HOST



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THE INVADERS HAVE  
NO WORD IN THEIR  
LANGUAGE FOR  
"EDEN."

YOU'RE  
SAYING THIS ISN'T  
VEGETATION?

## MARVEL COMICS PRESENTS

I'M SAYING  
IT IS, BUT IT ISN'T.  
EVERYTHING HERE APPEARS  
TO LIVE IN SYMBIOSIS  
WITH CERTAIN NATIVE  
ORGANISMS.

NOT EXACTLY. THEY  
HAVE SOME SORT OF  
INTELLIGENCE.

PARASITES?

NO CONCEPT OF A  
GARDEN TRAMPLED  
BY SINNERS.

A VENOM EPIC BY COSTA, BAGLEY, ALMARA AND COWLES.

THIS  
ONE APPEARS  
TO BE SOME SORT OF  
OUTCAST. WE FOUND IT  
SEQUESTRATED FROM  
THE OTHERS, POSSIBLY  
COGNITIVELY  
DAMAGED.

IT SHOULD DO  
PERFECTLY.

NO NOTION OF  
A SERPENT...

## THE FIRST HOST

YEARS LATER, IN THE  
THROES OF THE  
KREE/SKRULL WAR.



MAYBE YOU HAVEN'T HEARD, BUT  
THE KREE AND SKRULLS  
ARE AT WAR.

SO MAYBE YOU  
SHOULD HAVE ARMED  
YOURSELVES.

WHAT? NO!  
STOP!

WHAT ARE  
YOU DOING,  
BROTHER?

ZAM

I'VE  
ARMED  
MYSELF.

WHAT...  
WHO ARE  
YOU?

DON'T BE  
AFRAID. YOU'RE  
SAFE NOW,  
BROTHER.

I AM  
KREE.



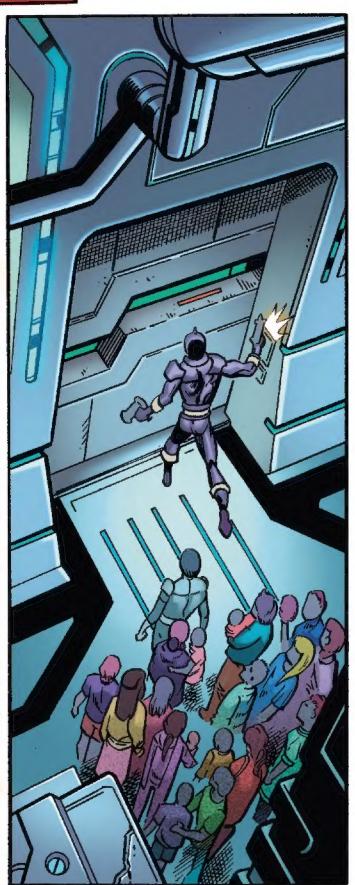
QUICKLY--  
GET TO THE  
ESCAPE VESSELS  
AND CONTACT  
HALA.

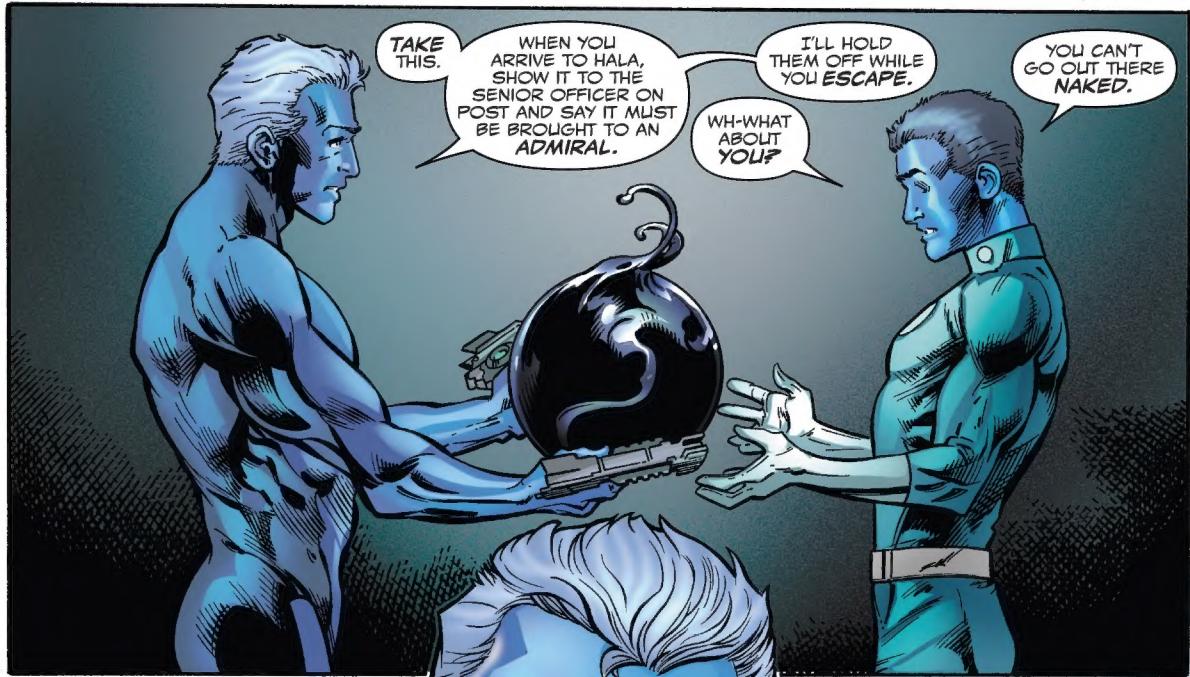


THERE ARE MORE SKRULLS BEHIND ME.  
THEY'LL SEE RECORDINGS OF WHAT  
HAPPENED HERE AND MY COVER  
WILL BE BLOWN.

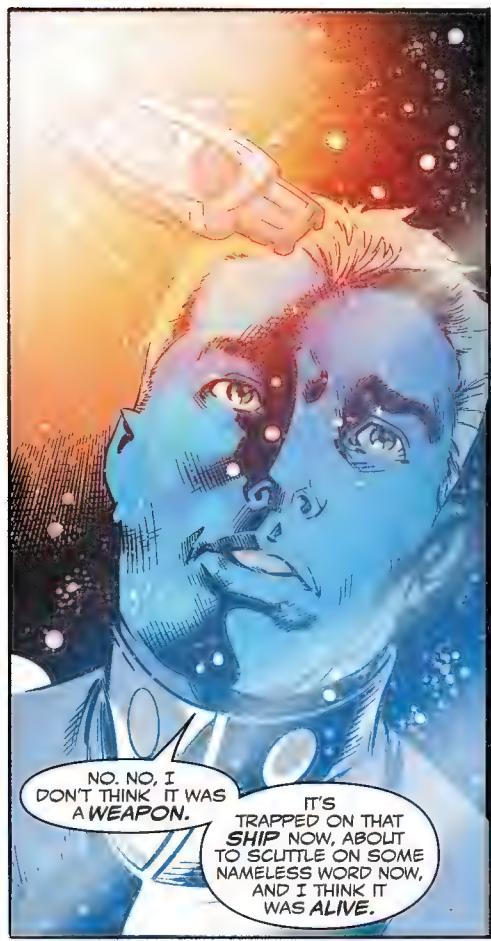




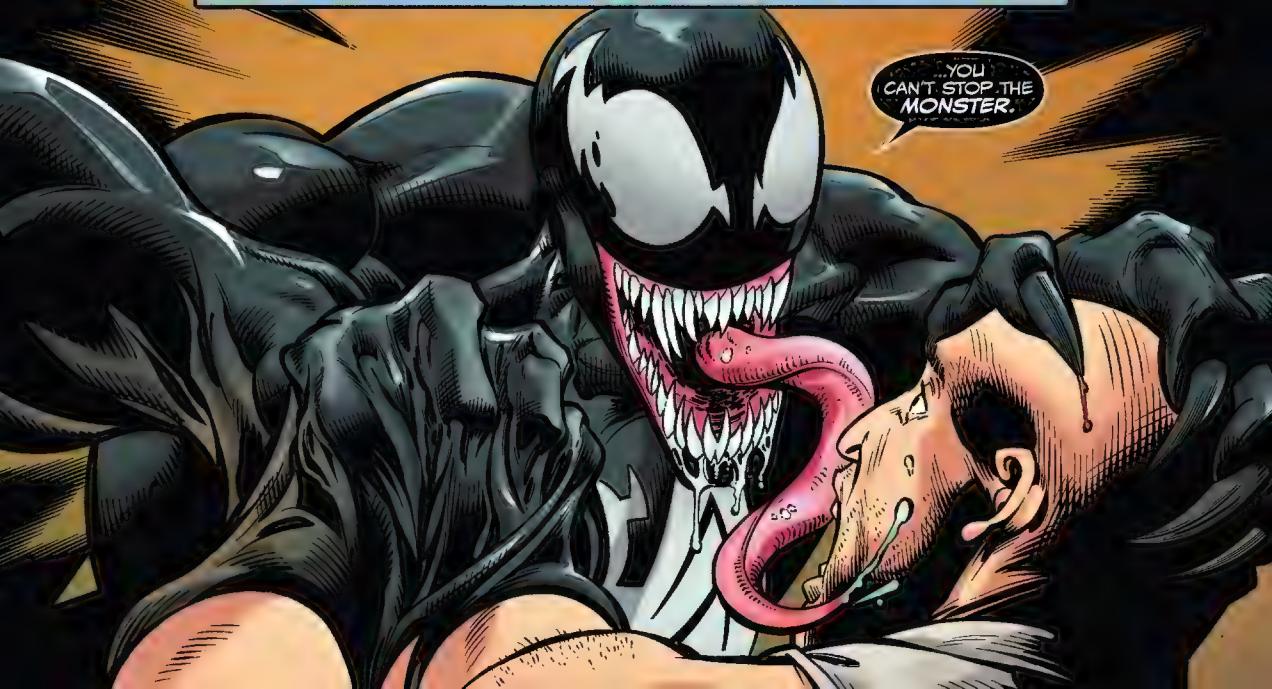




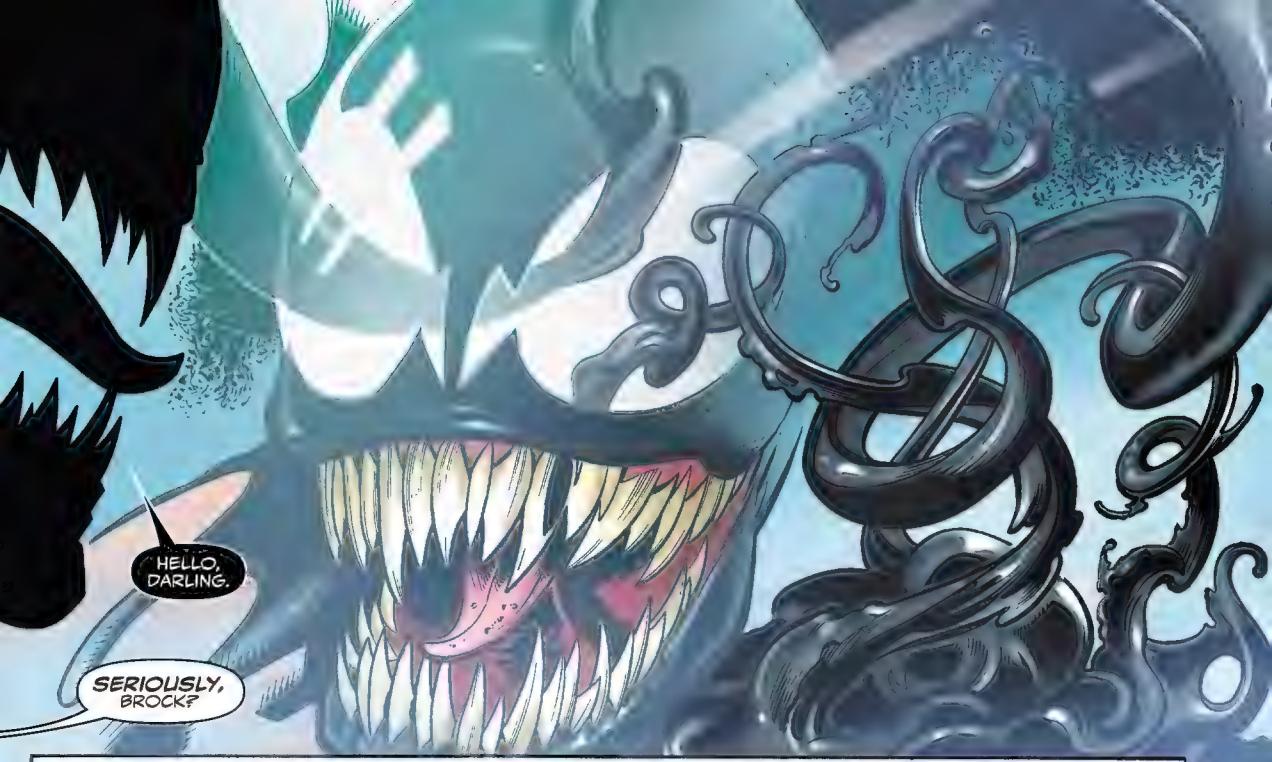












WHAT IS  
THIS? SOME KIND OF  
CONTRACT?

YES. FOR THE  
PHARMACEUTICAL  
APPLICATIONS OF YOUR  
YOUNG Symbiote  
DOWN HERE.

WHAT  
DO YOU THINK  
WE DO HERE,  
BROCK?

"PHARMACEUTICAL  
APPLICATIONS"?

WE'VE  
DISCOVERED THAT  
THE YOUNG Symbiote  
NATURALLY PRODUCES  
METABOLIC BY-PRODUCTS  
THAT HAVE CERTAIN...  
PSYCHOACTIVE  
PROPERTIES.

IN  
HUMAN TRIALS  
WE'VE OBSERVED  
EUPHORIA, LIGHT  
SEDATIVE QUALITIES,  
AND IN LARGER DOSES,  
DISINHIBITION AND AN  
EMPATHOGENIC  
STATE.

"HUMAN  
TRIALS"? WHO  
ARE YOU...WAIT,  
ARE YOU USING THIS  
ON YOURSELF? ARE  
YOU...GETTING HIGH  
OFF MY BABY'S  
SWEAT?

KENDRICK  
LAMAR WAS  
PLAYING THE BOWERY  
BALLROOM AND I  
DON'T ANSWER  
TO YOU.

ALL RIGHT,  
ENOUGH,  
YOU TWO.

BROCK, WE  
HAVE EXPLOITABLE  
OPPORTUNITIES HERE.  
I DON'T RUN A  
CHARITY.

BUT I'M FAIR,  
AND SO THIS DEAL  
CUTS YOU IN. BUY  
YOURSELF A NICE STEAK  
DINNER, OR A HOUSE,  
WITH A SHOWER.

WANT TO  
MAKE MONEY  
OFF A LIVING  
THING?

YOU'RE NOT  
CUTTING ME IN, LIZ.  
THIS IS A PAYOFF, TO KEEP  
ME QUIET ON WHERE YOUR  
NEW WONDER DRUGS  
COME FROM...

...AND TO  
KEEP VENOM  
FROM PUTTING A  
STOP TO YOUR  
EXPERIMENTS.

AND  
TO THINK OF  
ALL THE POSITIVE  
PRESS I GAVE  
YOU.

YOU  
WORKED FOR A  
DISHRAG, BROCK.  
LAST WEEK I SAW A  
HEADLINE ABOUT  
GALACTUS BEING A  
HOAX CREATED  
BY A KOREAN  
FILMMAKER.

I'M NOT SURE  
YOUR COVERAGE IS  
DRIVING US THE KIND OF  
**TRIPLE-A BUSINESS**  
THAT KEEPS OUR LIGHTS  
ON. BUT THIS WILL.  
THIS IS MY JOB.

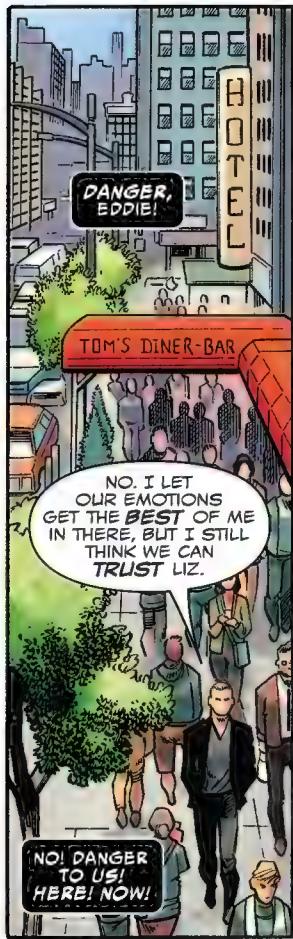
TOO YOUNG, EDDIE!  
TOO YOUNG TO  
UNDERSTAND. TOO  
YOUNG TO BE  
EXPERIMENTED ON.

YOUR JOB IS  
TO KEEP OUR BABY  
SAFE. AND WHILE YOU  
DO THAT, YOU CAN STUDY  
IT, FOR BOTH OF US. NOT  
EXPLOIT IT FOR  
YOURSELF.

I KNEW  
YOU HAD  
TEETH, LIZ. I  
DIDN'T KNOW  
YOU WERE A  
VAMPIRE.

IF I FIND  
OUT YOU'RE DOING  
ANYTHING OTHER THAN  
WATCHING OUR BABY, TAKING  
MEASUREMENTS  
AND SINGING IT  
LULLABIES...

...YOU'LL  
SEE OUR  
TEETH.



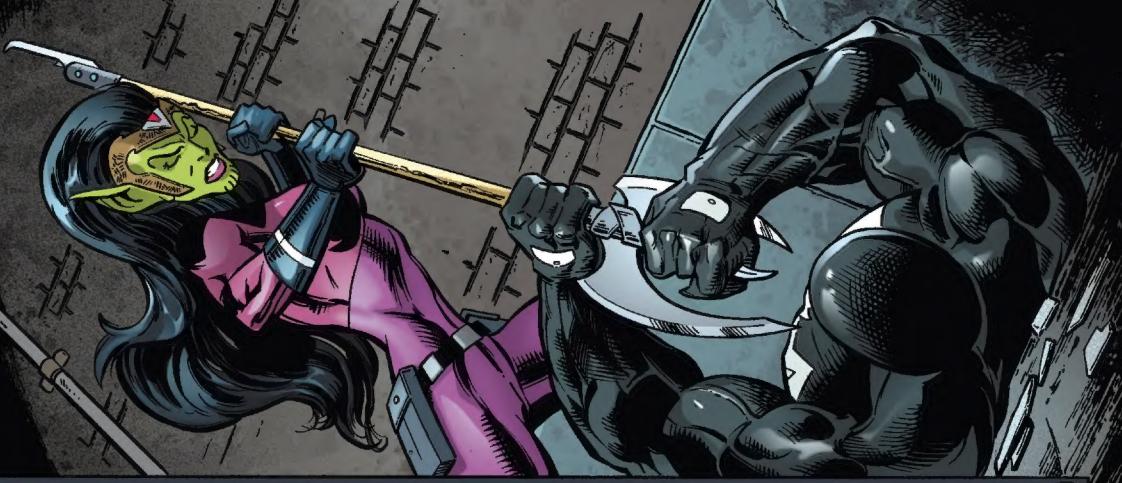


GET  
OLITA HERE,  
KID...

VENOM  
WILL HANDLE THIS  
IMPOSTOR!

WE LOVE  
SPAGHETTI!!

JUST LIKE  
SPAGHETTI!!



GET  
AWAY...

...FROM MY  
SYMBIOTE!

TO BE CONTINUED...

# NEXT



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